(i) *Central Sector Programmes*

(a) Quality Fodder Seed Production Technology through the Seven Regional Stations for Forage Production and Demonstration and the Central Fodder Seed Production Farm, Hessarghatta.

(b) Fodder Minikit Demonstration Programme.

(ii) *Centrally Sponsored Scheme*

(a) Strengthening of Fodder Seed Farms in the States.

(b) Fodder Seed Production through Registered Growers.

(c) Programme for enrichment of Straws and Cellulosic wastes.

(d) Establishment of Silvi-Pasture systems for increasing biomass production.

(e) Assistance for grassland Development including grass reserves.

(f) Area oriented fuel wood and fodder projects.

*(g) Soil Conservation in the catchment of river valley project.

*(h) Integrated watershed management in the catchment of flood prone rivers.

*Development of pastures and fodder is one of the components of these schemes.

Agricultural and industrial production

1481. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terms of trade between agricultural produce and industrial production have remained balanced since the year 1967;

(b) what is the quantity of wheat that equated the price of a 35 H.P. tractor in the year 1981 and 1991; and

(c) what was the price index in procurement season of wheat vis-a-vis the procurement prices in 1981-1991 taking the Base year 1970-71 as 100?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The indices of prices received and prices paid by the farmers i.e., terms of trade (Base 1970-71 = 100) increased from 83.3 in 1980-81 to 88.2 in 1990-91. This indicates a slight improvement in the terms of trade.

(b) On an average the quantity of wheat equating the price of a 35 HP tractor was 461 quintals in 1981 and 573 quintals in 1991.

(c) The annual average of Wholesale Price Index Number of Wheat (Base 1970-71 = 100) was 191.6 for the procurement season of 1991-92 and 292.0 for the procurement season of 1988-89 (latest available for the old series).

World Bank assistance for agricultural projects

1482. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the Agricultural Development projects being assisted in the country by the World Bank; and

(b) what is the total cost of these projects and what is the amount of assistance received from the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Presently only one in Tamil Nadu. Similar projects for some other states are under discussion.

(b) The total project cost of Tamil Nadu Agricultural Development Project is Rs. 3108.9 million (equivalent to U.S. 134.0 million). Assistance/ loan from the World Bank in the project is U.S. 117.5 million.

कृषि एक उद्योग के रूप में

1483. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार कृषि को उद्योग का दर्जा देने के किसी प्रस्ताव पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचंद्रन) : (क) और (ख) भारत सरकार ने कृषि को उद्योग के रूप में घोषित करने से संबंधित मुद्दे पर विचार करने के लिये श्री भानुप्रताप सिंह की अध्यक्षता में एक सलाहकार समिति का गठन किया था । इस विषय से संबंधित समिति की सिफारिशों पर विचार किया जा रहा है ।

Perspective Plan for land resources

1484. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that a draft perspective Plan for conservation, management and development of land resources was considered at the Conference of State Agriculture Ministers held on October 21 1991;

(b) if so, the salient features of the draft Plan and whether the same was adopted at the Conference; if so, the details of modifications, if any; and

(c) the steps being taken in furtherance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A National Consultation for formulation of a Perspective Plan for the Conservation, Development & Management of land resources of the country was held on 21st to 24th October, 1991 at New Delhi. This was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Agriculture and was attended by Senior officials of Central Ministries|Deptt.|Organisation Agri. Production Commt.|Develop Commn. and other senior officers of State Governments eminent Scientists, experts and Project Coordinators of six zones of the country engaged in the Preparation of Zonal Perspective Plan. (PP).

(b) and (c) As a follow up action of the National Consultation, State level Consultation have been planned for the formulation of State Perspective Plans and finalisation of Zonal Plan. Based on the Zonal plans, Draft National P.P. for conservation, Development & Management of Land Resources of the country will be prepared.

Relief to Handloom weavers in drought affected areas

1485. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated guidelines to provide relief to handloom weavers and other classes of artisans and agricultural workers in drought affected areas; and

(b) what are the proposals Government are considering to help handloom weavers, who remain unemployed for 15 days or more due to one reason or the other?